

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00890-APM**

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS v. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/16/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/16/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5425920) filed by WILDEARTH GUARDIANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Nokes, Kelly) (Entered: 04/16/2018)
04/16/2018	<u>2</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by WILDEARTH GUARDIANS. (Nokes, Kelly) (Entered: 04/16/2018)
04/17/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zsb) (Entered: 04/17/2018)
04/17/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 04/17/2018)

05/07/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 05/07/2018)
05/15/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/24/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/24/2018. (Nokes, Kelly) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/15/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/24/2018. (Nokes, Kelly) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/15/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT served on 4/23/2018 (Nokes, Kelly) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/24/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/25/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before June 8, 2018. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/25/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
05/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/8/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
06/08/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> June 8, 2018, Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before September 6, 2018, that updates the court on their progress and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/11/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/11/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/6/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
09/05/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a Joint Status Report updating the court on the production of responsive records on or before December 5, 2018, and every 90 days thereafter, until the completion of the production of records. Upon completion of the final production, the parties shall advise the court whether summary judgment briefing will be necessary and, if so, propose a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/06/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 09/06/2018)
09/06/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/5/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/18/2018	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Kelly E. Nokes (Nokes, Kelly) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
12/04/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
02/15/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of All Defendants (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 03/04/2019)